

Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Workgroup Meeting
Tribal, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Local Health Department (LHD) & Managed Care Organization (MCO) Healthy Kids Workgroup

November 27, 2006

Attendance:

Marti Cote

Glenda Grafton

Sal Ellis

Cathy Roe

Greg Tanner

Nancy Cummins

Denise Kennedy

Debra Wagler

Yolanda McDade

Kelly Simonson

The meeting began at 10:05 p.m. at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, 1900 Prosperity Street, Reno, Nevada.

REVIEW THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2006 LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Debra Wagler reviewed the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Leadership Workshop held on September 7, 2006, which covered various states' changes to the EPSDT benefit and the Deficit Reduction Act. Attendees listed approximately 30 areas in need of change. These items were prioritized into the following four topic areas and workgroups were formed: 1) Parent Support and Education Group, 2) Tribal, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Local Health Department (LHD) and Managed Care Organization (MCO) workgroup, 3) Cross-System (Interagency) process and linkages to EPSDT and 4) Automatic Newborn Enrollment. Support for increased use of the benefit is the overarching goal of all these groups. Each group will work to see change in their respected area in order to increase the number of children receiving the benefit and increase the number of physicians providing the screening. Ms. Wagler stated some data exists for monitoring EPSDT but there is opportunity for improvement. She also suggested widespread distribution of the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended periodicity schedule for screenings. Any persons who would like a copy of the September 7, 2006 packet should contact Debra Wagler for a copy (dwagler@nvhd.state.nv.us).

NOMINATE AND VOTE FOR THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR POSITION

Ms. Wagler asked for nominations for chairperson of the Tribal, FQHC, LHD and MCO workgroup. Marti Cote nominated Glenda Grafton. Ms. Grafton accepted the nomination for

vice-chairperson. Ms. Wagler nominated Sal Ellis as chairperson with Ms. Ellis accepting. No other nominations were stated. A verbal vote was taken. Approved by acclamation. Ms. Ellis was elected as the workgroup chair and Ms. Grafton was elected as the workgroup vice-chairperson.

DISCUSS AND DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS SHOULD BE INVITED

Ms. Wagler asked for recommendations of more attendees to assist in addressing the group's priority topics. Greg Tanner reviewed the MCO coverage for Native Americans who use Indian Health Services for the group. He will update the subcommittee on other options at the next meeting. Ms. Ellis suggested having Dr. Skelskey attend this workgroup to answer questions on tribal services. Kelly Simonson explained the MCO campaign to educate service providers on proper coding but has found it difficult due to staff turn over. Several issues were brought up to be included in future discussions by this group. One issue is patients who are scheduled for an EPSDT exam also see the doctor for an illness, which prompts different coding and exempts the patient from an EPSDT exam. Ms. Wagler suggested looking at the Bright Futures materials to help motivate/educate parents. Ms. Simonson stated flyers and posters have been issued to providers, which display the proper coding, and what is involved in an EPSDT exam. Ms. Cote stated billing manuals and Medicaid services manual are available which include billing codes for EPSDT. Ms. Roe stated rural Nevada Health Centers have increased EPSDT visits with the help of Health Plan of Nevada (HPN) list. She stated education for parents would be helpful too. Ms. Wagler asked who should receive the periodicity schedule, which is not translated yet. When providers are not a full-scale medical service, such as a health department, how do they get setup as a provider to bill for EPSDT screening? MCOs do billing education and procedural training—who does this for tribal clinic staff?

DISCUSS ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Ms. Cote asked to have speakers including Dr. Skelskey and a Welfare eligibility worker attend the next meeting. Ms. Ellis asked if training as a topic would be appropriate to add in to the next meeting's agenda. Nancy Cummins volunteered to invite Health Access Washoe County (HAWC) Chief Executive Officer, Michael Rodolico to attend. Yolanda McDade will invite Don McKenzie from Indian Health Services. Ms. Cote will report on the billing question for clients who become ill prior to their scheduled EPSDT visit. Ms. Grafton and Mr. Tanner will produce information showing when fee-for-service is an option and MCO coverage is mandatory. Ms. Wagler and Ms. McDade will collect materials describing the process for tribal health services.

The next subcommittee meeting will be teleconferenced on January 4, 2007 at 10:00 p.m.

There was no public comment.